

State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference (SOLEC) 2006

When: November 1-3, 2006

To Include November 3rd Workshop: *“Continuing the Dialogue and Next Steps Toward Wildlife Friendly Wind Power in the Great Lakes Basin”*

Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

What is SOLEC?

The State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conferences (SOLEC) are hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada on behalf of the two countries. These conferences are held every two years in response to a reporting requirement of the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA).

The conferences are intended to report on the state of the Great Lakes ecosystem and the major factors impacting it, and to provide a forum for exchange of this information amongst Great Lakes decision-makers. These conferences are not intended to discuss the status of programs needed for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes basin, but to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs through analysis of the state of the ecosystem.

The goal of the conference is to provide information to people in all levels of government, corporate, and not-for-profit sectors that make decisions that affect the Great Lakes and through this to achieve the overall purpose of the GLWQA, *"to restore and maintain the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin."*

“Continuing the Dialogue and Next Steps Toward Wildlife Friendly Wind Power in the Great Lakes Basin”

Participants in this workshop session will review and build on the recommendations for a “call to action” to take the next steps identified at the June 2006 “Towards Wildlife Friendly Wind Power: A Focus on the Great Lakes Basin” Conference in Toledo, Ohio. Participants will have the opportunity to continue the sharing of information; discussing priority research and information needs; will work towards developing consensus on effective and consistent approaches and guidance for citing, and both pre- and post project monitoring requirements for wind energy projects. Emphasis will be on proactively providing good science based information to allow good decision making for the Great Lakes ecosystem, consistent with the goals and objectives of SOLEC, the Lake Wide Management Plans, the Great Lakes Regional Collaborative, and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.



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